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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Applicants wish to make of record in the above-identified application the document or documents referenced on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each reference is enclosed herewith.

The cited references are mentioned in the Search Report and Written Opinion (copies enclosed) of applicant's corresponding International patent application and are believed relevant for at least that reason.

The undersigned believes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

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charge the requisite Rule 17(p) fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-1390, under Order No. RIT0004-US and proceed to consider this Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that each reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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	1	4,306,373	12/22/81	CHATANI ET AL.	46	25	08/07/79
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	1	12 42 131 B	06/08/67	GERMANY				✓
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	3	506 204 A	05/24/39	GREAT BRITAIN			✓	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		COPY OF INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT DATED MAY 24, 2004
		COPY OF WRITTEN OPINION

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